

The Canticle



The Senior Class Presents

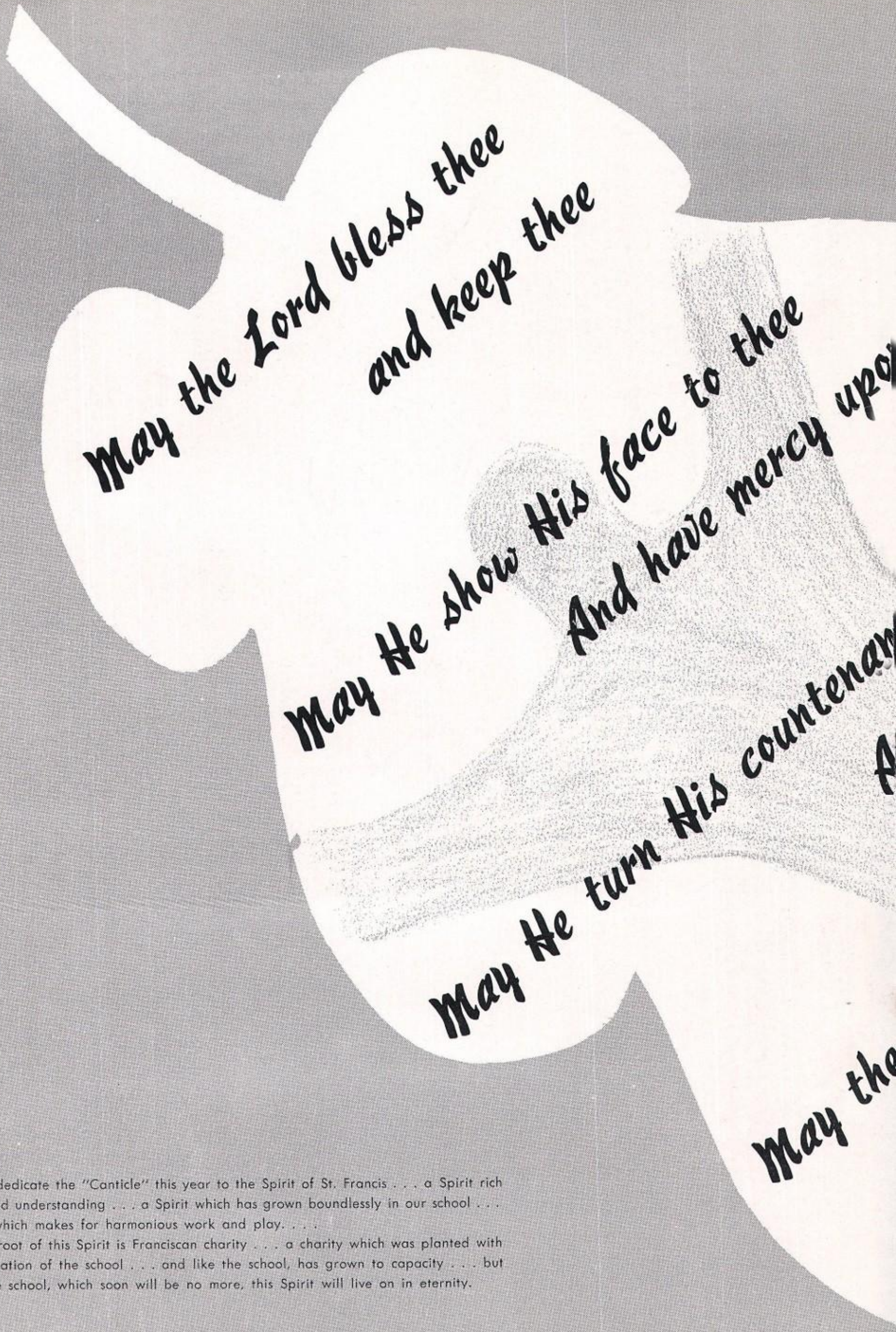
The Canticle

of

1956

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Sacramento, California
Judy Decker, Editor



May the Lord bless thee
and keep thee

May He show His face to thee
And have mercy upon

May He turn His countenance
A

May the

We dedicate the "Canticle" this year to the Spirit of St. Francis . . . a Spirit rich in love and understanding . . . a Spirit which has grown boundlessly in our school . . . a Spirit which makes for harmonious work and play. . . .

The root of this Spirit is Franciscan charity . . . a charity which was planted with the foundation of the school . . . and like the school, has grown to capacity . . . but unlike the school, which soon will be no more, this Spirit will live on in eternity.

ce
to thee
give thee peace

rd bless thee.

Amen





FATHER LUKE, O.F.M.
Pastor, St. Francis Church



(Standing) Father Lawrence, O.F.M.
(Seated) Father Stephen, O.F.M.,
Father Rene, O.F.M.

They Spend Their Lives



(Standing) Mrs. Josephine Baratini, Mrs. Gilberta Mooney, Sister M. Samuel, Mrs. James Kerins, Sister M. Ursula, Mrs. Ruth D. King, Mrs. Janet Hurley. (Seated) Sister M. Dolorine, Sister M. Roswitha, Sister M. Geraldine, Mother M. Concepta, Sister M. Norine, Sister Miriam.

*Very best of luck dear,
Ruth D. King*

*Helping Youth
To Grow*



SISTER M. GERALDINE,
Principal



OUR STUDENT BODY OFFICERS:

Linda Avila, Cheerleader; Carol Coffield, Secretary;
Mary Harbinson, Sergeant-at-Arms; Lynda Freyberg,
Treasurer; Joan Puccinelli, President; and Rosalie
Damiani, Vice-President.



--- in honor
--- in leadership
--- in citizenship



SUE REYNOLDS

Senior Class President
Sacred Heart

A true "Amiga" . . . Apostolic Committee chairman . . . made Troubadour debut in the speech choir . . . a test-tube expert . . . Prom Princess attendant.



SHEILA BUTLER

Senior Class Vice-President
Immaculate Conception

Active member of Sodality . . . reads with Literary Club members . . . will write a book, "Behind the Red Pencil" . . . wears a blue and white beanie.



BARBARA BYRNES

Senior Class Sergeant-at-Arms
Saint Ignatius

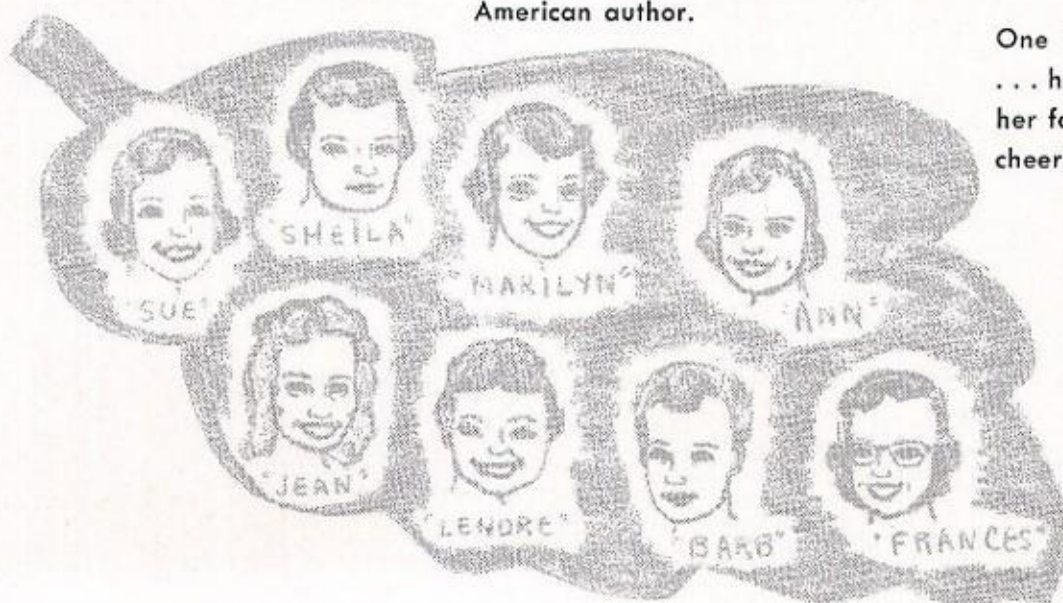
Edits club news for "Assisian" . . . spends all her free week ends in San Francisco . . . wants to be a great American author.



JEANNE WILSON

Senior Class Sergeant-at-Arms
Saint Anthony

One half of "Teddy-Wilson" team . . . horseback riding and skating are her favorites . . . is one-third of class cheerleading team.



ANN WALLANDER

Sodality Prefect
Holy Spirit

A C. S. F. star . . . possesses a membership card for every school club . . . enthuses about science . . . this is the star which she will follow.

MARILYN BARR

Junior Red Cross Chairman
Saint Ignatius

Another C. B. S. cheerleader . . . an active Troubadour, too . . . dutiful service-clubber . . . wants to shed a blue uniform for a white.

LENORA GIORDANO

Troubadour President
Immaculate Conception

Shares "Canticle" photography honors . . . entertains with her accordion . . . her famous last word is "cheese" . . . has medical ambitions.

FRANCES FARRELL

"Assisian" Editor
Immaculate Conception

President of the C. S. F. . . an active four year Sodalist . . . has quiet sense of humor . . . her pencil lead will lead her to journalistic heights.





NAN BARATINI
Senior Class I. S. C. Rep.
Sacred Heart

Has her own feature column in a local paper . . . "Assisian" feature editor . . . Prom Princess of 1956 . . . an avid football rooter.



MARY THERESA SANCHEZ
Senior Class Cheerleader
Saint Anthony

Prom Princess Maid of Honor . . . better known as "Teddy" . . . clever co-art editor of the "Canticle" . . . famous for the Mexican Hat Dance.



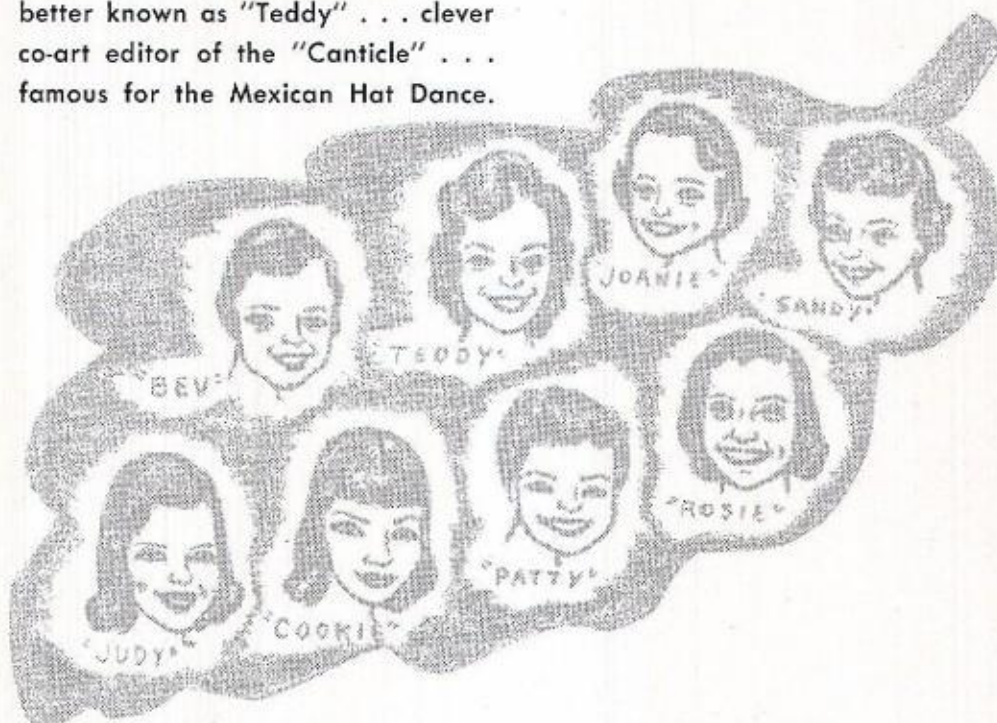
PATRICIA WALSH
Senior Class Treasurer
Sacred Heart

Sodality Social Life chairman . . . Queen of the "Midnight Sun" . . . one of the "Canticle's" layout editors . . . small but determined.



BEVERLY ORMAN
Senior Class Secretary
Sacred Heart

Prom Princess attendant . . . balloon girl for the "Canticle" publicity staff . . . her eyes talk . . . she's the senior "Going, going, GONE girl."



ROSALIE DAMIANI
Service Club President
Saint Francis

Our Homemaker of Tomorrow . . . student body vice-president . . . in Sodality and C. S. F. . . . wants to teach . . . expert in transcription.

SANDRA WRIGHT
Literary Study Club President
Cathedral

"Sandy" and the sea mix well in the summer time . . . she's "Wright" there as "Assisian" news editor . . . is a gum-chewer-catcher!

JUDY DECKER
"Canticle" Editor
Our Lady of Grace

Earned overtime wages as "Canticle" editor . . . one of the Queen's teens, a Sodalist of Our Lady . . . stern service clubber and laughing "Amiga."

JOAN O'KEEFE
Block Society President
Sacred Heart

Efficient portrait co-editor of the "Canticle" . . . is a steady at Sirlin's . . . reliable always . . . wants to have an R. N. after her name.





ANGIE NUNEZ

All Hallows

Proud owner of a Block S. F.
... an active Thespian ...
on "Canticle" literary staff
... class clown ... but she
wants to be serious!



CAROL PRINZIO

Saint Ignatius

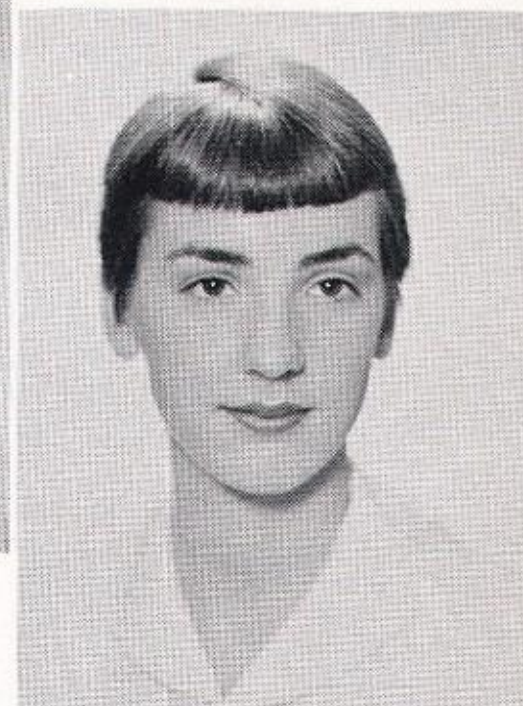
Loves to take pictures for the "Canticle" ... active in the Literary Study Club ... proved her acting ability in the senior class play.



PAULINE JURACH

Immaculate Conception

Reliable ... tremendous help on "Canticle" business staff ... ticket seller for the senior play ... headed for J. C. before the business world.



JOAN PUCCINELLI

Saint Mary

Our friendly student body president ... serious about her work ... pleasant to be with ... headed for nursing ... has genuine SFH spirit.



CAROL SCHMITZ

Saint Joseph

A student to her fingertips ... a Sodalist and C. S. F.'er first and last ... she typed for the '55 "Canticle" ... she enjoys camping trips!

VALERIE KAISER

Saint Ignatius

Competent vice-prefect of the Sodality ... pleasant manner ... heads Eucharistic Committee ... a C. S. F.'er ... on "Canticle" staff.

BARBARA MURPHY

Holy Spirit

"Assisian" business manager ... efficient reporter for the Sacramento "Union" ... loves life "Down Mexico Way" ... headed for college.

DIANE BLANC

Immaculate Conception

Co-editor of the "Canticle" layout staff ... Prom Princess attendant ... wants to teach the three R's ... loves to dance.





FIDALMA MENTESSI

Immaculate Conception

Sang like an Indian for the "Canticle" . . . her friends call her "Fifi" . . . very artistic . . . and she loves to read . . . English essay contest winner.



DORIS WILCOX

Immaculate Conception

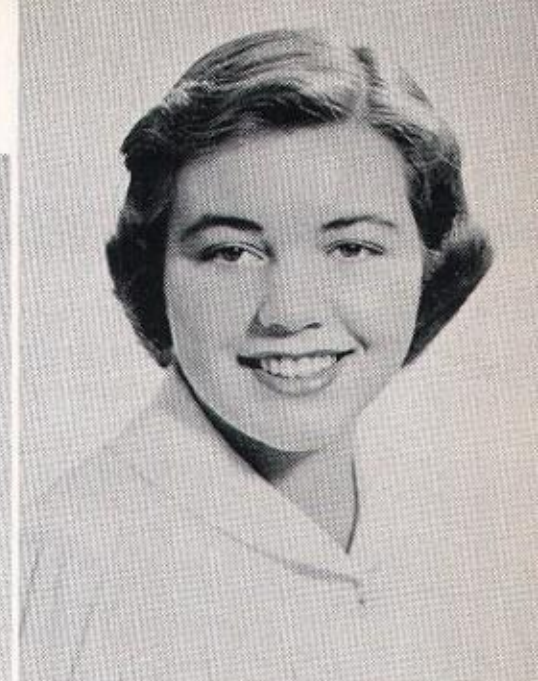
Chemistry is her favorite subject . . . wants to be an oral hygienist . . . enjoys photography . . . especially when it's for the "Canticle."



KATHLEEN HALL

Our Lady of Grace

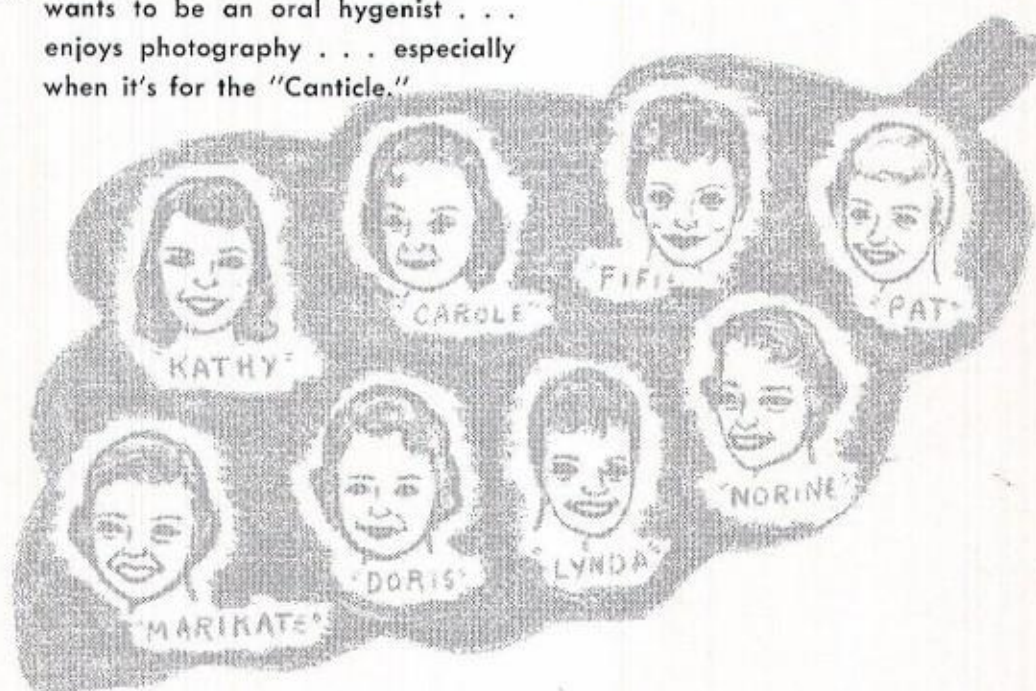
Block Society athletic manager . . . one of the "Canticle's" literary lights . . . a true blooded Troubadour . . . enjoys music and driving.



MARIKATE VARANINI

Sacred Heart

Most accomplished equestrian in the senior class . . . an avid reader . . . quick witted . . . wants a career in the medical world.



LYNDA FREYBERG

All Hallows

Student Body Treasurer . . . "Canticle" photographer . . . drives a midget of the motor industry . . . one of the youngest seniors.

NORINE HELZER

Holy Spirit

Types Sister Miriam's famous chemistry tests . . . "Canticle" letter typist . . . enjoys sewing . . . always around when you need her.

PATRICIA COLBERT

Our Lady of the Assumption

Sodality secretary . . . senior portrait sketches are her work . . . also among members of Red Cross and Troubadours . . . wants to teach.

CAROLE WOLFGRAM

Saint Mary's

Her favorite hideout is the library . . . Literary club member and Glee club songster . . . wants to travel and take letters . . . enjoys dabbling in art, too.





CAROL COFFIELD

Holy Spirit

"Corkie" is our student body secretary . . . needle and thread expert . . . Prom Princess attendant . . . makes the sales climb at Hales.



LINDA AVILA

Immaculate Conception

C. B. S. cheerleader . . . "Give 'em the axe" expert . . . actress-secretary of Troubadours . . . active in C. Y. O. . . . known as "Buttons."



PERN KIELHOFER

Holy Spirit

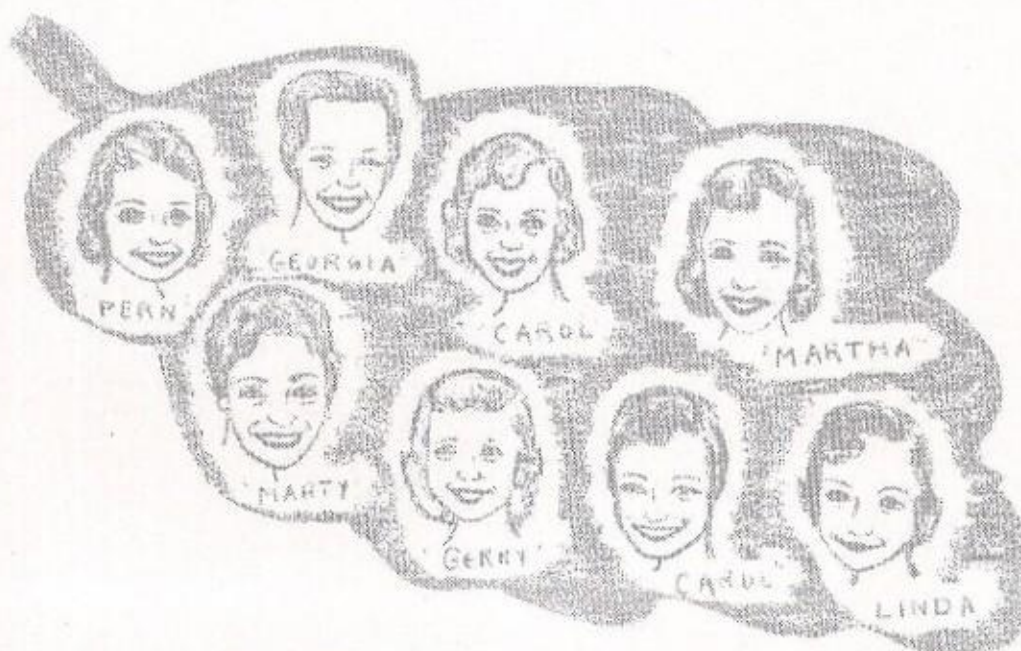
Vice-president of the Literary Study Club . . . loves to read . . . ballet and skiing are second pastimes . . . wants to be a pediatric nurse.



CAROL PROSKE

Immaculate Conception

This quiet one makes the loudest noise in the school . . . yes, she's bell ringer . . . is a Red Crosser . . . also collects shekels for the "Canticle."



GEORGIA STREIT

Saint Francis

Her love of sports made her a Block Society member . . . she's also a Troubadour . . . does collecting for the "Canticle" . . . plays the piano.

MARTHA RECKERS

Sacred Heart

If you have something to sell, see Martha . . . the other person's cause is always hers . . . active member of the Literary Study Club . . . college bound.

GERALDINE KLEIN

Sacred Heart

Proud of her title "Sodalist" . . . a secret service worker for Sister Ursula . . . this Klein never declines to see a football game.

MARILYN MARTIN

Our Lady of the Assumption

Business manager of the "Canticle" . . . commutes from out Roseville way . . . member of Troubadours . . . will find her place in scientific world.





PATRICIA LYSAGHT

Sacred Heart

Pledged her allegiance to the "Canticle" via her typewriter . . . has an artistic side to her nature . . . wants a career in medicine.



MARGARITA MACKIS

Annunciation—Greek Orthodox

A true Grecian type . . . Sister Roswitha's obliging secretary . . . quiet but indispensable . . . will be remembered for her artistic Greek dance.



CAROLYN McFARLAND

All Hallows

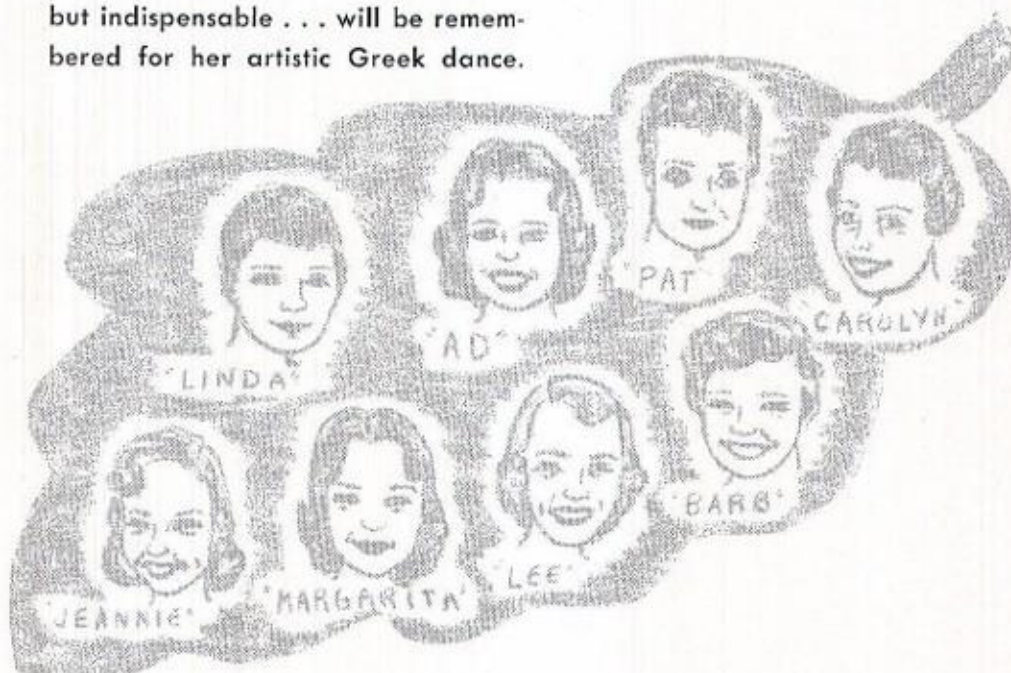
Her Scotch blood keeps Troubadours out of the red . . . loves to sing . . . owns the SFH Taxi Service . . . a real farm girl! . . . our own Carolina!



ADELAIDE JONES

Holy Spirit

C. B. S. Homecoming Queen . . . enjoys the company of "Ladybug," her horse . . . a master mixer in the lab . . . student chairman of American Pageant.



BARBARA FAHEY

All Hallows

Will be remembered for her "Set Down Servant" solo . . . known as "Barb" among her friends . . . another senior who wants to be a nurse.

LINDA POPE

Saint Francis

Even her best friends don't know . . . but Linda is domestic! . . . likes to cook and sew . . . also wants a secretarial job.

LEE DITT BENNER

Immaculate Conception

On the "Canticle" layout staff . . . enjoys dancing . . . likes sports . . . especially swimming and golf . . . wants to write professionally.

JEAN MATUSHAK

Sacred Heart

Secretary of Literary Study Club . . . her red hair brightens up 306 . . . is a winter skier . . . wants to be an interior decorator.





OZELLA KING

Saint Francis

Industrious publicity chairman for the "Canticle" . . . loves horses . . . dabs in anything concerned with art . . . creative and talented.



YVONNE HARDIN

All Hallows

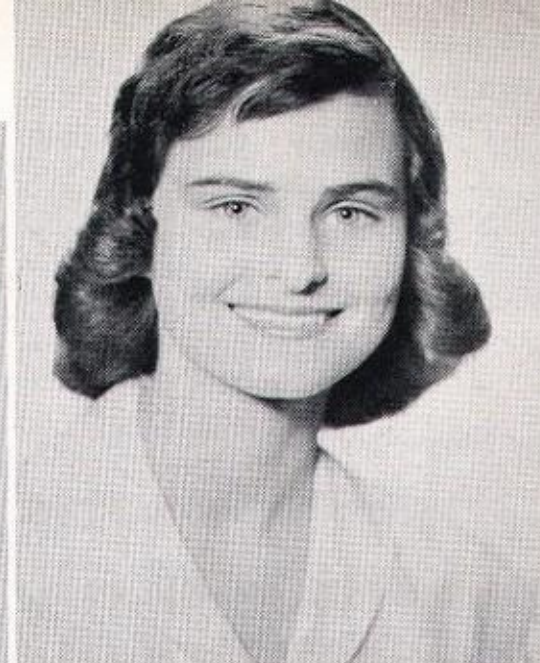
Competent member of the "Canticle" business staff . . . quiet but determined . . . has a friendly smile . . . and a lofty view of life.



ANNETTE VIERRIA

Saint Francis

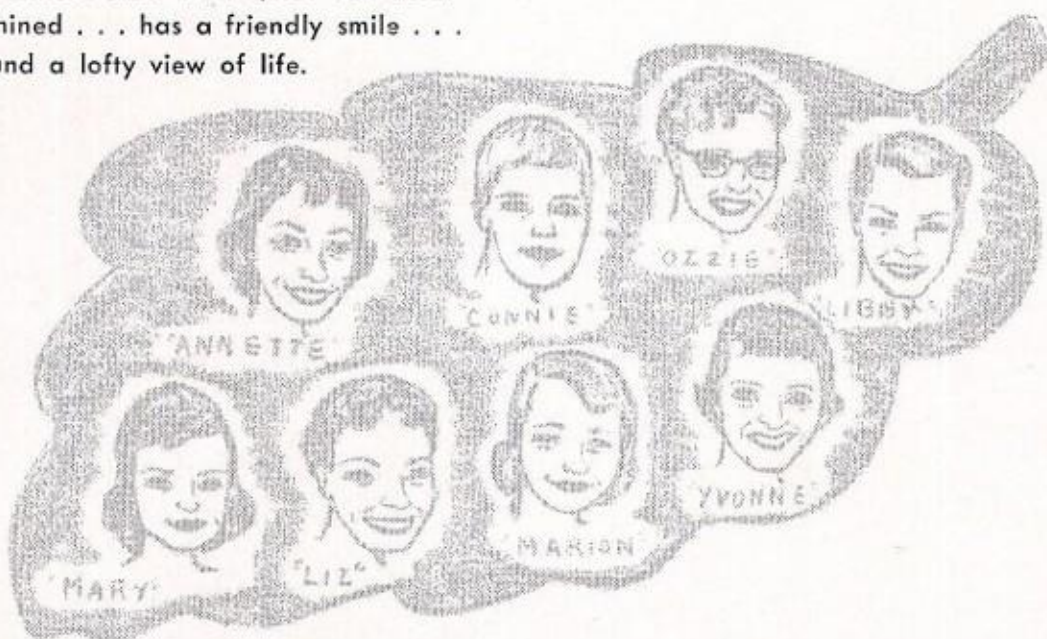
Neat as a pin . . . feminine and gentle . . . enjoys working for the Red Cross . . . really enjoys dancing . . . headed for the business world.



MARY HOSKEY

Our Lady of Grace

The taller of the two . . . favorite subject is typing . . . enjoys bowling in her spare time . . . wants to be a secretary . . . "Cap and Gown-er."



CONNIE CAMPBELL

Saint Ignatius

Came to SFH in her junior year . . . manages the music for Mr. Dorndorf . . . loves to sing . . . will never hear the end of her "Caesar" cut!

MARION McALPINE

Sacred Heart

Dependable secretary of the Red Cross . . . headed the "Pennies for Patty" campaign . . . active in Sodality . . . looks forward to nursing career.

LIBBY PHILLIPS

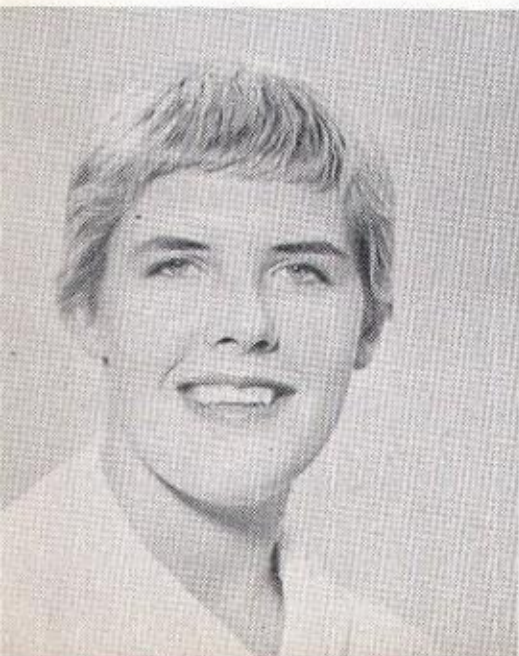
Sacred Heart

A faithful Glee Club member . . . friendly and fun loving . . . her twinkling blue eyes reveal a keen sense of humor . . . loves to type.

ELIZABETH BARBIERI

Immaculate Conception

Her friends know her as "Liz" . . . she gets very "arty" in her spare time . . . wants to be a private secretary . . . always found with Barbara.





BARBARA STAGER

Our Lady of the Assumption
Sodalist and Troubadour . . . on
"Canticle" business staff . . . Block
Society secretary . . . an accomplished
model . . . enjoys basketball.



MARY ANN HREPICH

Sacred Heart

Efficient and reliable . . . especially
so on the business staff of the "Can-
ticle" . . . in Red Cross activities . . .
enjoys cooking and sewing.



MAUREEN GIEGER

Sacred Heart

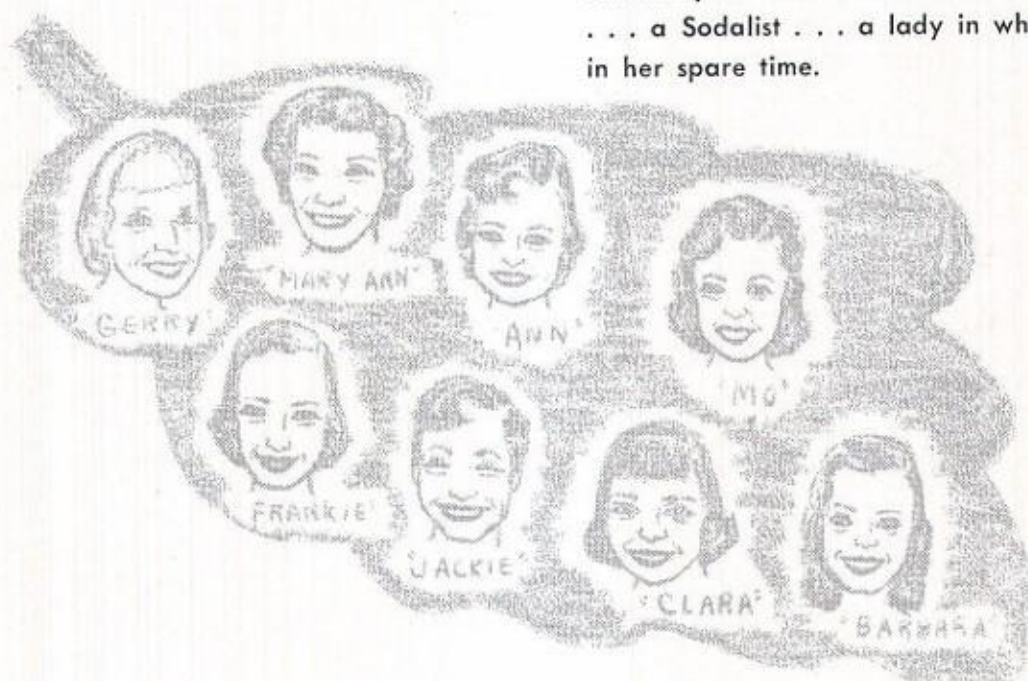
Glee Club songbird . . . is known
familiarily as "Mo" . . . loves to swim
. . . a Sodalist . . . a lady in white
in her spare time.



ANNE HOSKEY

Our Lady of Grace

One half of a sweet pair . . .
small and quiet . . . another
"Cap and Gown" girl . . .
likes art, especially painting
. . . will be a dental nurse.



FRANCES CASSINA

Saint Robert

Winner of gold trophy in K. of C.
Northern Calif. Speech Contest . . .
Santa Claus' helper . . . Prom Prin-
cess attendant . . . on yearbook pub-
licity staff.

JACQUELINE LoBUE

All Hallows

A "Canticle" typist with speed and
accuracy! . . . "Little Caesar" she's
known abroad . . . petite but mighty
with fun . . . frowns when sleepy.

GERRY COOK

Sacred Heart

On the "Canticle" business staff . . .
devoted to homemaking . . . sincere
. . . and fun to be with . . . sewing
is one of her pastimes.

CLAIRE CONNELLY

Immaculate Conception

An Irish pixie, Spanish style
. . . scrapbook expert . . . her
racket is tennis . . . heads
tennis team . . . wants a career
teaching P. E.





LEONA HAGEL

Saint Francis

Listed among "Canticle" typists . . . member of the Sodality and Red Cross, too . . . Twelve-year St. Francis girl . . . Bobbie's other half.



KATHLEEN EXNER

Saint Francis

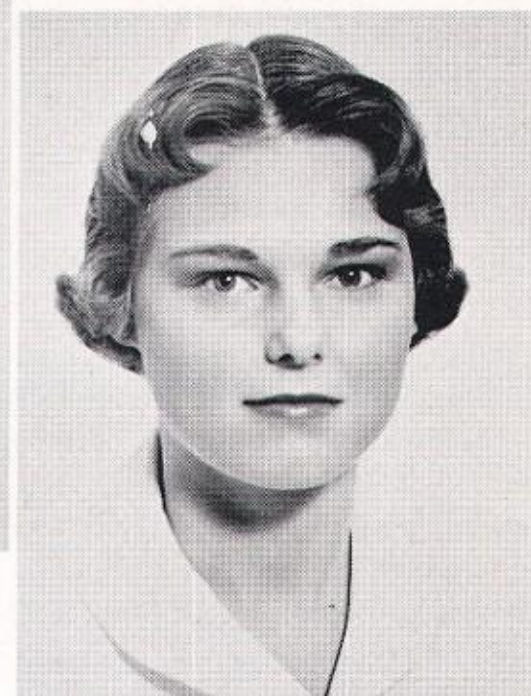
One of the Cap and Gown caretakers . . . petite and quiet . . . lists art as her favorite period . . . she enjoys roller skating in her spare time.



SHARON ZUCARRO

Sacred Heart

Sodalist and Red Cross member . . . eager beaver in "Canticle" publicity drive . . . art is her favorite subject . . . loves horseback riding.



SHARON PRATT

All Hallows

Her heart is in the country . . . enjoys horseback riding and the outdoor life . . . belongs to the Red Cross . . . famed ladder climber in library.



BETTY ANN BOWMAN

Immaculate Conception

She's on the "Canticle" layout staff . . . active, too, in Literary Club and Red Cross . . . wants to serve the sick as a nurse.

PATRICIA ADAMS

Immaculate Conception

On "Canticle" literary staff . . . backstage crewman for Troubadours . . . Red Cross member, too . . . collects records and new haircuts!

NORMA BUCCIANO

Saint Francis

Known for her Jersey accent . . . she's the see-saw favorite in Senior English . . . never lets her curls get too long . . . loves to type.

PHYLLIS RITTHALER

Immaculate Conception

A Sodalist and a Troubadour . . . on "Canticle" literary staff . . . a Literary Study Club charter member . . . enjoys reading and listening to music.





LINDA HARDESTY

Immaculate Conception

Another faithful Glee Clubber . . . enjoys English . . . water skiing, too . . . wants to fly high as an airline hostess.



BARBARA BENNETT

St. Francis

Answers to "Bobbie" . . . spirited member of Block Society . . . efficient secretary . . . another twelve year St. Francis girl . . . Irish-Italian wit.



MARGARET HAUSER

Saint Rose

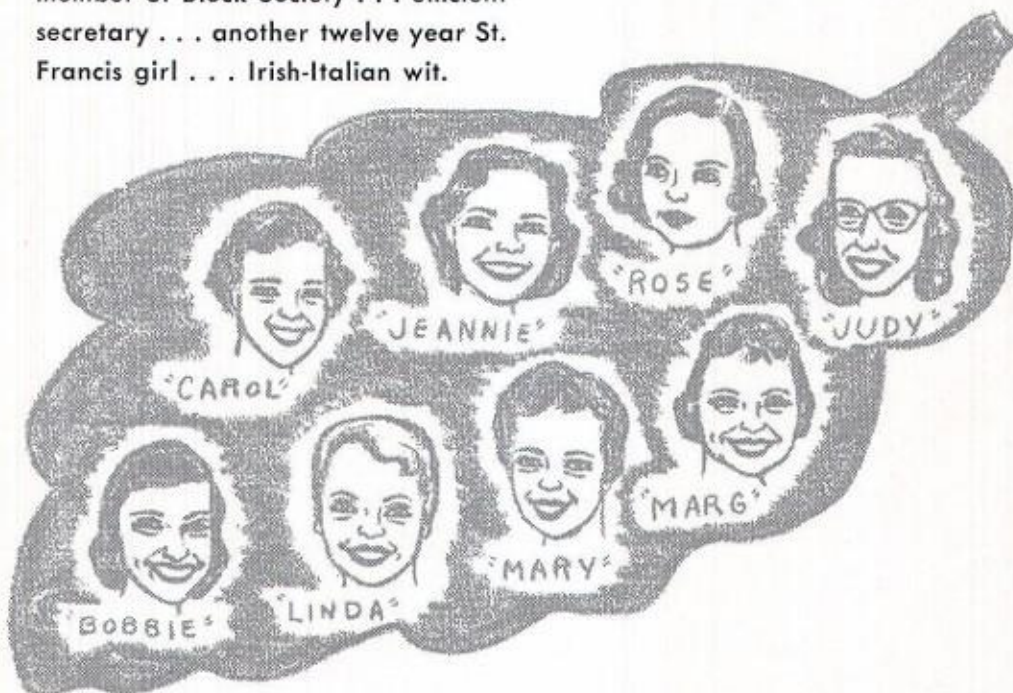
Types for the "Canticle" . . . has her own special giggle . . . a basketball whizz . . . looking forward to a school of nursing.



JEANMARIE CAIETTI

Sacred Heart

Active member of Red Cross and Sodality . . . one of year-book's copy typists . . . known as "Jeannie" . . . wants to be a legal stenographer . . . mechanical, too!



MARY STOCKMAN

All Hallows

Came to St. Francis in her senior year . . . her winning smile won her way around . . . enjoys the click of typewriter keys.

CAROL BLASOFSEL

Saint Mary

Senior class Red Cross representative . . . the school prize fisherman . . . efficient "Canticle" typist . . . thoroughly enjoys baseball.

JUDY ACKERMAN

Our Lady of the Assumption

Able treasurer of the C. S. F. . . . practical and clear-headed . . . enjoys anything mathematical . . . has held the first place in class for four years.

ROSEMARIE GILL

Sacred Heart

Star basketball player . . . active member of the Block Society . . . possesses shiny black hair and laughing Irish eyes . . . supports every school activity.





MARY ALICE WILCOX

Saint Francis

Behind the scenes make-up girl for Troubadours . . . a Prom Princess attendant . . . a "Canticle" portrait editor . . . also in Red Cross.



STEPHANIE MacKENZIE

Cathedral

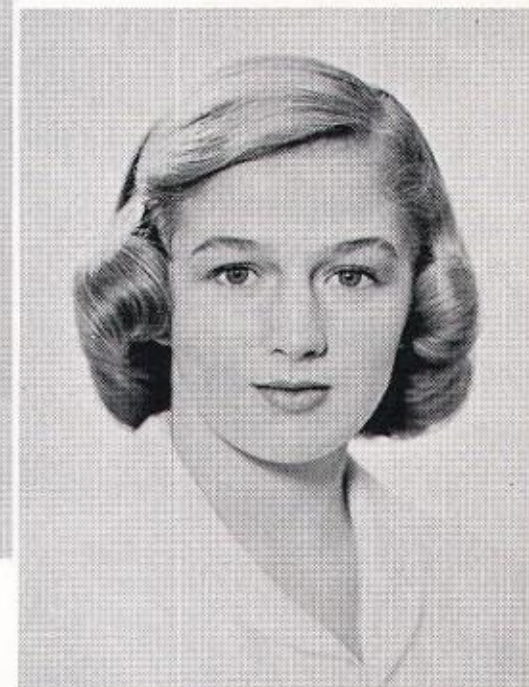
Her favorite pastime is craft work . . . is one of Sacramento's best Civil Defense workers . . . wants to be an occupational therapist.



CAROL CALDEIRA

Holy Spirit

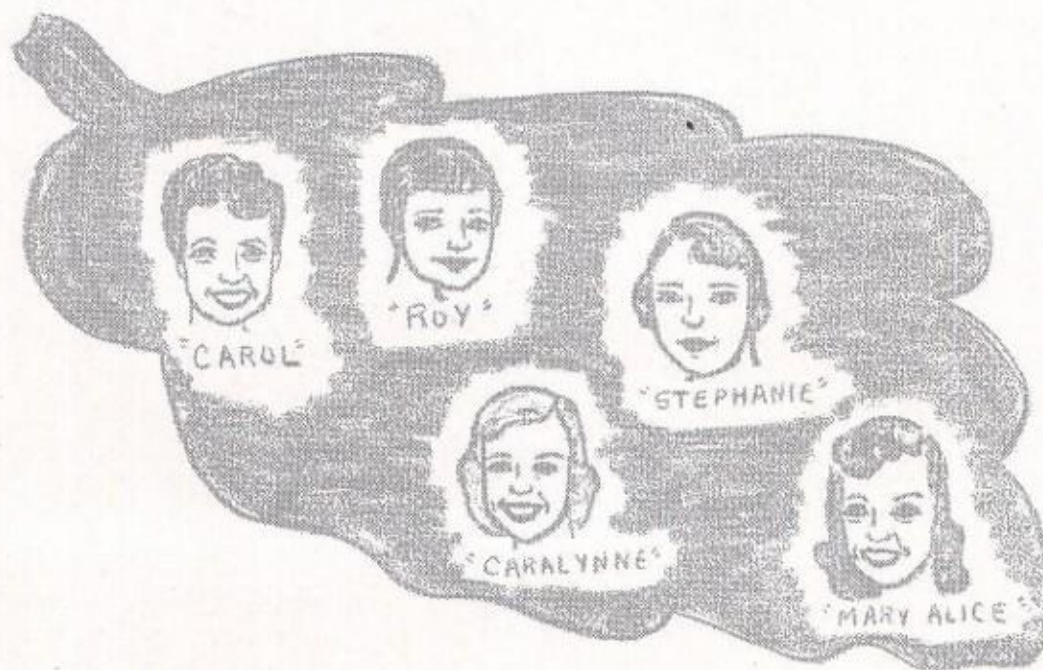
One of senior "Cap-and-Gown-Girls" . . . often seen running out of lab in a puff of smoke . . . wants to be a dental assistant.



CARALYNNE HOLLAND

Saint Philomena

Our Lady's Committee chairman . . . on "Canticle" literary staff . . . active in Red Cross, Literary Study Club, and behind the footlights.



ROYANN BAILIE

Our Lady of the Assumption
Just made her appearance in time to make the yearbook . . . came to us from Seattle . . . enjoys dancing . . . is thinking about nursing career.





VERONICA FREEMAN
April 1, 1938—November 22, 1955

Growing up for God . . . growing up for service toward her fellowmen . . . growing up toward Christian womanhood. . . . This is what Veronica was doing when God called her . . . our Amiga. . . . And her memory is rooted deeply in our hearts . . . a memory as beautiful as the spirit of St. Francis . . . a memory as real as the strength of an oak.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: First Semester—Back row—Sally Geary, Vice-President; Mary Ann Colamartino, Sergeant-at-Arms. Middle row—Brenda Marty, Sergeant-at-Arms; Carolyn Meredith, President; Judy Silva, Secretary. Front row—Beverly Enright, Treasurer; Barbara Galindo, I. S. C. Rep.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Second Semester—Back row—Joan Valerio, I. S. C. Rep.; Margo Kochis, Vice-President. Middle row—Barbara Peletta, Secretary; Rosemary Glass, President; Susan Knott, Treasurer. Front row—Mary Mangan, Sergeant-at-Arms; Terra Belke, Sergeant-at-Arms.

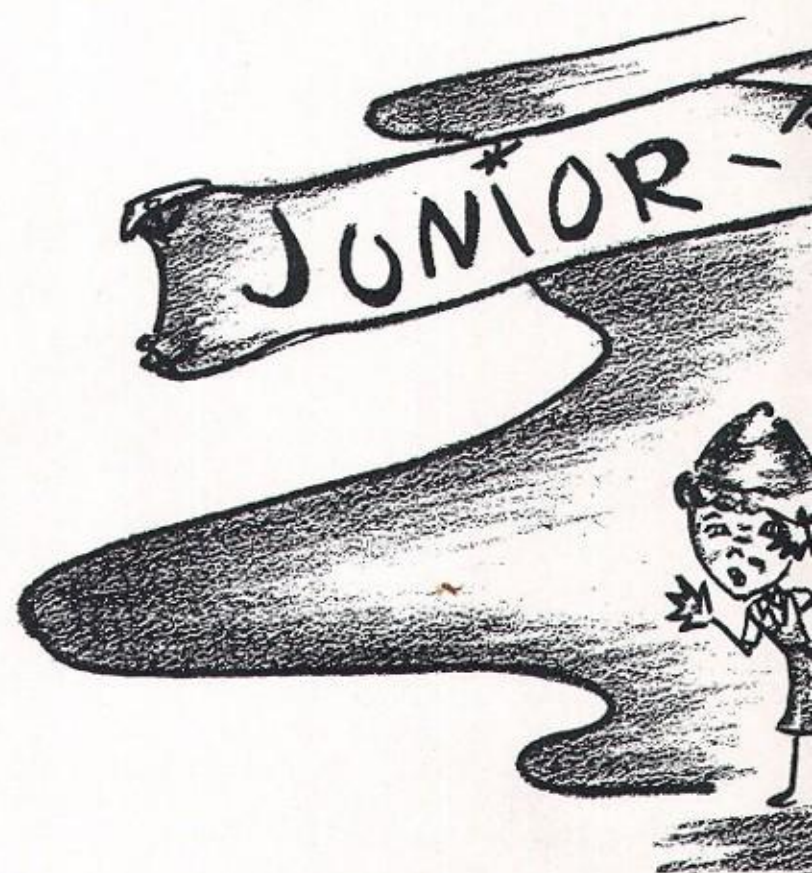


Back row—Kay Procopio, Rita Mazzucchi, Elaine Russell. Middle row—Doris Lenhart, Pat Wollmering, Pat Walker. Front row—Brenda Marty, Phyllis Wyant, Barbara Imhof.

Back row—Deanna Braun, Joy Ann Blair, Toni D'Alessandro, Barbara Barnes, Judy De Ponzi, Mary Jo Brezzo. Front row—Kathleen Brooks, Dorothy Cioli, Phyllis Bachmeier, Susan Gwinn.



Our Juniors . . .



Back row—Mary Ann Gilson, Linda Hodges, Jean Goodfellow, Martha Martino, Sally Geary, Carol Ann Crowder. Front row—Susan Knott, Kathy Gregory, Marlene Martin, Rosemary Glass.





Back row—Mary Ann Colamartino, Lorraine Ward, Terra Belke, Sharon Dewsnap, Sandra Dewsnap. Front row—Margo Kochis, Beverly Enright, Marolyn Meredith, Caroline Enos.



Back row—Anita Mezzanares, Judy Ryle, Nathalie McAdaragh, Mary Harbinson, Marcellyn Axton, Margaret McAlpine. Front row—Barbara Peletta, Louise Haley, Carolyn Meredith, Bonnie Haynes.

.... The "Tonettes"



Back row—Nancy Bascherini, Nancy Myers, Carlene Smith, Mary Ann Clarke, Marie Davis. Front row—Kathleen Battistich, Mary Mangan, Bonnie Allen, Carolyn Azevedo.



Back row—Barbara Galindo, Mary Hamilton, Tola Kotsovolas. Middle row—Josephine Kunst, Katie Gorman, Judy House. Front row—Marie Lo Bue, Sharon Golsong, Marion Lewis.



Back row—Betty Ann Pratt, Joan Valerio, Madelene Mazzuchi, Jan Sheaffer, Virginia White, Marianne Woods. Front row—Judy Silva, Ann Spitzer, Margaret Scott, Mary Ann Murphy.





SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: First Semester—Back row—Toni Gross, Treasurer; Geralene Joseph, I. S. C. Rep. Middle row—Caroline McKinnon, Vice-President; Marilyn Jones, President; Jan Schrader, Secretary. Front row—Elizabeth Huddle, Sergeant-at-Arms; Louise Stefani, Sergeant-at-Arms.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: Second Semester—Back row—Janet Germoles, Secretary; Kathy Beals, Sergeant-at-Arms; Joyce Tortas, Sergeant-at-Arms. Front row—Sheila Kenobbie, Vice-President; Marion Azebedo, I. S. C. Rep.; Kate Kiepenbrock, President; Diane Al-berti, Treasurer.

The Sophomore took the high road as the "Bonnie Lassies"



Back row—Geralene Joseph, Judy Jacopetti, Ellen De Vore, Judy Middleton, Sheila Kenobbie. Middle row—Priscilla Helm, Marilyn Jones, Percilla Margetts, Janice Jenovino. Front row—L'Ann Healy, Diane Day.



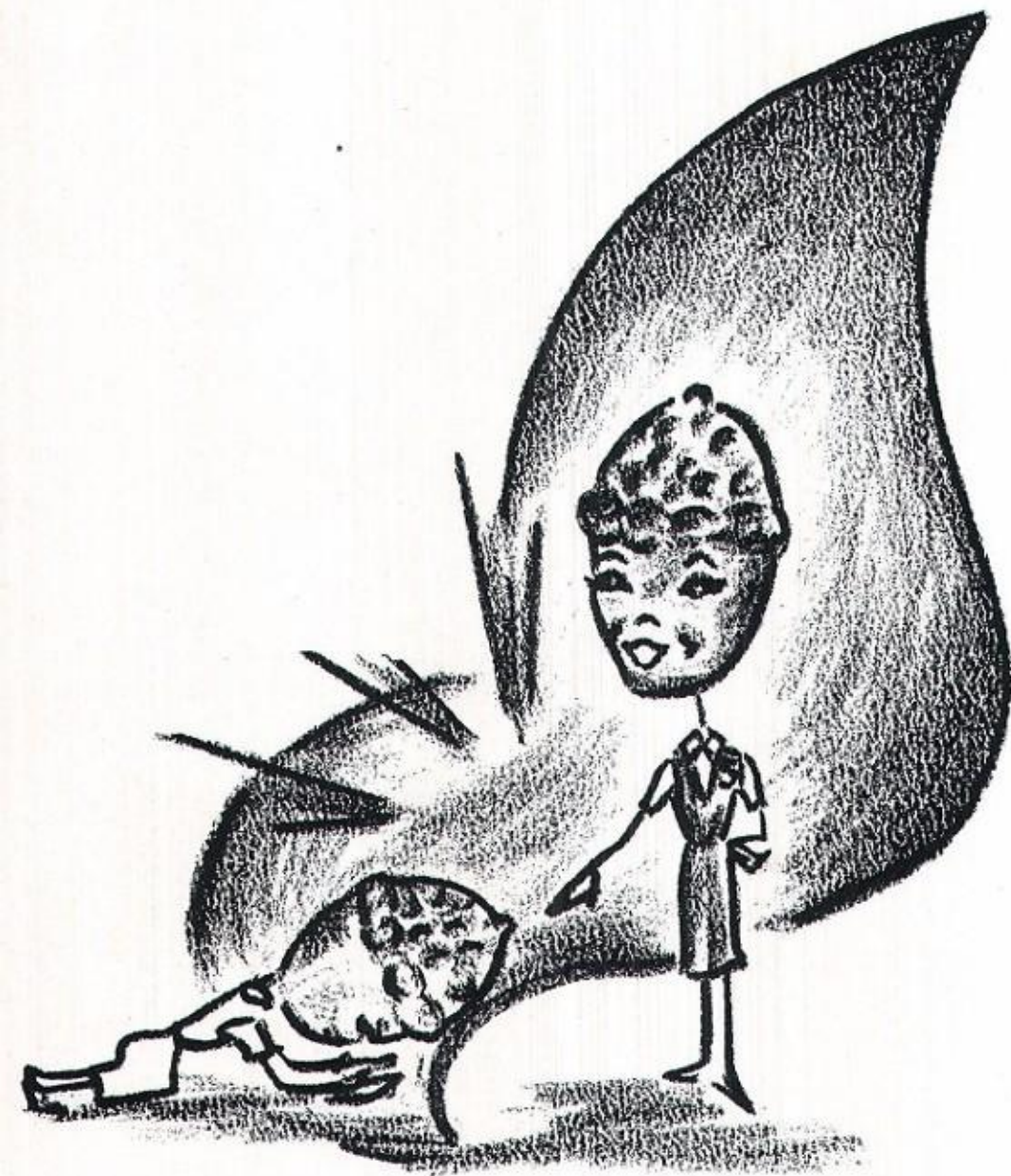
Back row—Alicia Loyola, Sandra Perri, Cecelia Mobley, Delia Lopez, Theresa Neuburger. Middle row—Tina Mandella, Babs Meredith, Kathy McMahon, Helen Pausback. Front row—Roberta Nelson, Lynne Parker.



Back row—Mary Anne Womble, Theresa Vidulich, Louise Stefani, Joyce Tortas, Ora Lee Vogeli. Middle row—Barbara Walker, Kathleen Thompson, Jan Schrader, Michaelann Pope. Front row—Molly Moore, Virginia Skamnes.



Back row—Joan Garrido, Pat Coffey, Nancy Gilson, Rogene Bondi, Connie Chandra. Middle row—Mary Ann Anicich, Carole Carlson, Nancy Corcoran, Judith Hardin. Front row—Diane Alberti, Kay Francesconi.



Back row—Pat De Martini, Pat Jurach, Janet Germoles, Carol Launius. Middle row—Mary Lou Ceccettini, Toni Gross, Diana Fugina. Front row—Mary Carr, Kathy Geiger, Renate Lenhart.



Back row—Pat Keating, Marlene Miller, Margaret Rooney, Pat Kampouris. Middle row—Monica Peterson, Sherry Steiner, De De Nielson, Rita Morris. Front row—Alberta Miskel, Shirley Pasquini, Patricia Wells.



Back row—Susan Butler, Elizabeth Huddle, Carmen Lamalfa, Barbara Domyancic. Middle row—Shirley Tomasini, Susie Lagomarsino, Ann Herzog, Pat Halderman. Front row—Nancy Geary, Betsy Kerins, Pat Becker.

Back row—Mary Scott, Mary Esther Sousa, Mary Catherine Litell, Pat Sadleir. Middle row—Caroline McKinnon, Mary Jane Sylvester, Betty McAleer, Cynthia Speed. Front row—Nancy Luck, Gloria Pieretti, Carol Pedone.



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*With spirit and life
the "Compadres"
began high school*

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Back row—Kathleen Farley, Carole Murphy, Carolyn Baca, Marian Berg, Carole Farris, Carol Clarke. Front row—Marilyn Kenealy, Mary Chester, Brooke Morgan, Mary Kay Beers, Marlene Correia.



Back row—Maryann Taylor, Diane Severin, Sharon Schiro, Pat Salamone, Mary Todd, Sylvia Rodrigues. Front row—Toni Soares, Marialyce Smith, Peggy Smart, Barbara Silverstein, Pat Silva.

Back row—Peggy Flynn, Marcia Galvin. Third row—Kalleen Hall, Sharon Duket, Mary Beth Gregory. Second row—Dana Garton, Barbara Fryer, Evelyn Gomes. Front row—Denise Gardner, Joan Dubey, Janet Gwinn.



Back row—Mary Leone Albert, Paula Adey, Linda Bell. Middle row—Marisa Benedetti, Marlene Bettanini, Donna Blair, Linda Bailey. Front row—Rosalie Azevedo, Jo Ann Anglin, Louise Abid.





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Left to right—Grace Jean Risse, Mary Harling, Libby Ann Rivera, Mary Ellen Mahoney, Maureen Hughes, Judy Regan, Mary Kropp, Susan Latino, Sharon Kenobbie, Kay McLaughlin, Linda Ramos.

Back row—Sheila Conway, Gail Draper, Sue Block. Middle row—Margaret Corcoran, Nancy Bujace, Charlene Church, Marianne Bush. Front row—Sharon Capra, Judy Donaldson, Nancy Carrigg, Sandra Cohan.





His Excellency Bishop Joseph McGucken gives his blessing at the end of the Holy Mass during which he was formally installed as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento.

We Welcomed our new Bishop!



Cardinal McIntyre and Bishop McGucken listen to the musical selections rendered by the St. Francis Glee Club at the reception at the Hotel El Rancho.

(Below) Cardinal McIntyre and Father Luke, our pastor, at the entrance of the Cathedral before the Solemn High Mass.



Cardinal McIntyre and Bishop McGucken gave the Glee Club a priceless remembrance of the occasion when they posed with the girls for this picture at the reception. The Glee Club members below were a select group that joined with the Glee Clubs of St. Joseph Academy and Christian Brothers High School under the direction of Mr. Anton Dorndorf to sing the Solemn High Mass for the installation of Bishop McGucken.





Growing

--- in faith
--- in knowledge
--- in appreciation

"American"

This year we were proud and happy to entertain two distinguished visitors from The Netherlands. They were Mother M. Clarissa, O. S. F., Vicar General of the Sisters of St. Francis, and Mother M. Hubertine, O. S. F. With songs and dances we made the music and customs of our ancestors ring out clearly for our guests.



"Tarantella"



"The Grand Finale"



Mother M. Hubertine
O. S. F.



Ozella King and the "Las Posadas" figures which she made.



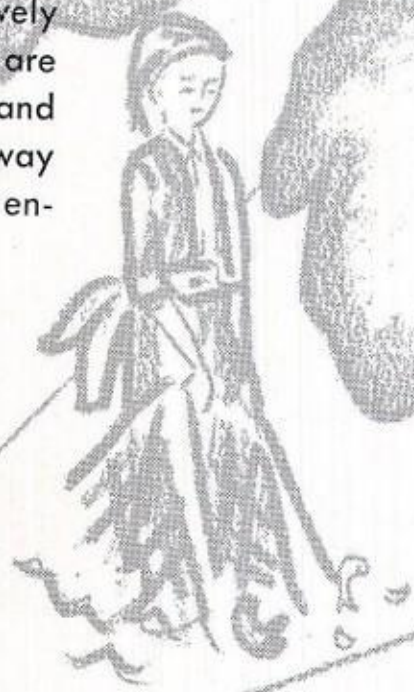
Bev Orman and Jeanne Wilson dance
"Kreuz Koenig."

Pageant"

as we unfolded the story of the national spirits that built and nourished our country. Latin, Nordic, Celtic, and Slavic all combined to create a lovely pageant of America. We are proud of our country and could think of no better way of showing it. Our guests enjoyed it and so did we.



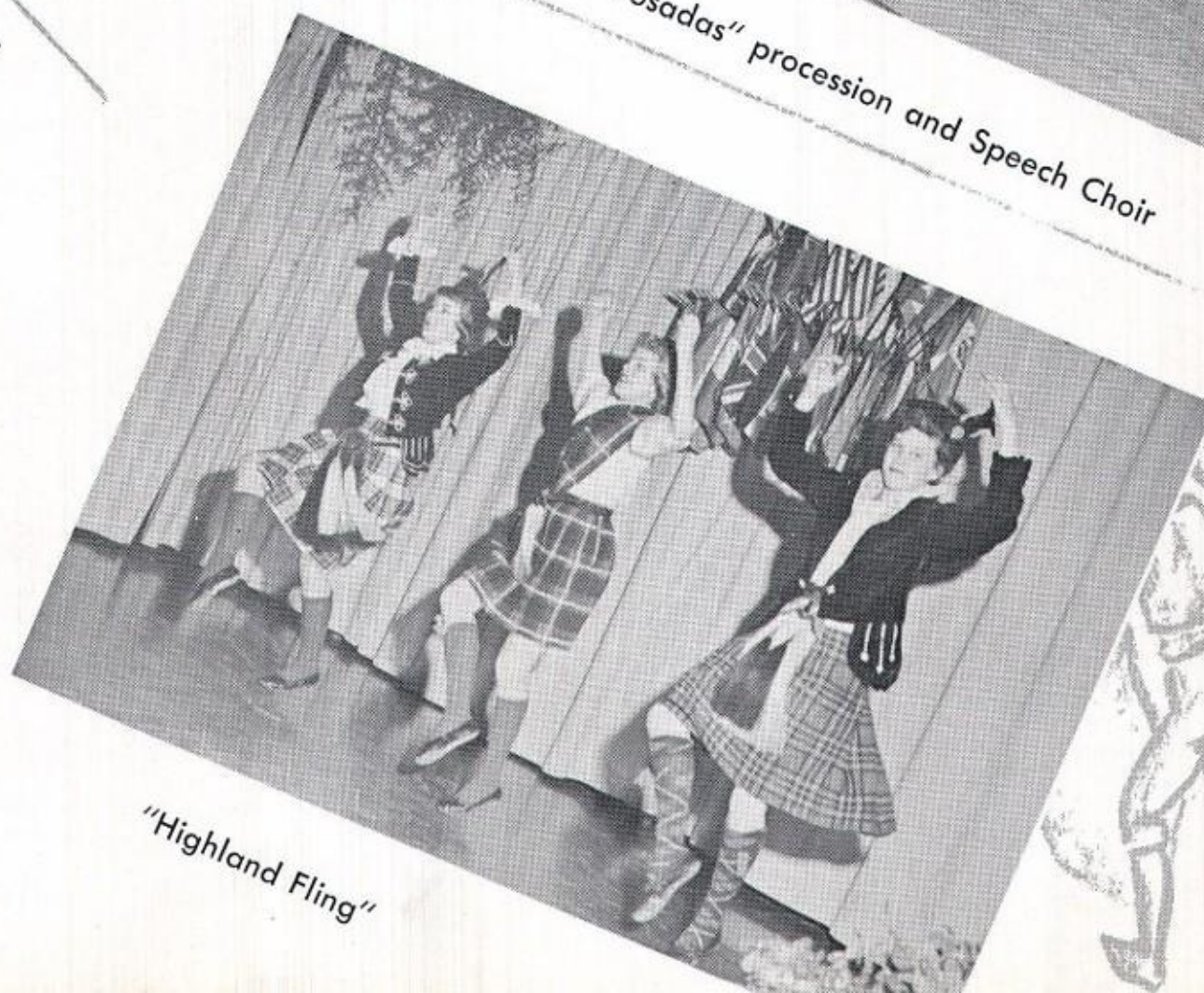
Mother M. Clarissa,
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"Horos Tou Zalongou"



"Los Posadas" procession and Speech Choir



"Highland Fling"





Our Parents Went to School --- For an evening only!

(Above) A group of our parents attending their daughters' classes during our annual night school—"Open House."



(Above) For the activity period in this year's "Open House" schedule, Mrs. Janet Hurley conducted a folk dancing demonstration which proved most enjoyable for both parents and students.



(Below) Joan Puccinelli "presides at the urn" for two of our guests.

Our C. S. F. "Scholarship for Service"

(Standing) Rosalie Damiani, Carol Schmitz, Mary Jo Brezzo. (Seated) Gloria Pieretti, Toni Gross, Elizabeth Huddle, and Jan Schrader.

C. S. F. ADVISOR AND OFFICERS: (Seated) Frances Farrell, President; Mrs. Josephine Baratini, Advisor; Madeline Mazzuchi, Vice-President. (Standing) Judy Ackerman, Treasurer; Mary Scott, Secretary.

(Standing) Valerie Kaiser, Diane Blanc. (Seated) Lenora Giordano, Ann Wallander, Pat Halderman.



*Our California Day
Has Grown As Rapidly
As The
Golden State Itself!*





Sandra Wright



Frances Farrell
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Louise Haley



Barbara Byrnes



Susan Gwinn



Standing: Mary Catherine Litell, Mary Elizabeth Scott. Seated: Mary Esther Souza, Alicia Loyola.



Bonnie Allen



Karen Morebeck



Standing: Caroline McKinnon. Seated: Diane Day, Betsy Kerins.



Barbara Murphy, Mary Jo Brezzo.



Standing: Nancy Geary, Pat Becker. Seated: Geralene Joseph, Louise Stefani, Nancy Luck.



Left to right: Dorothy Cioli, Susan Knott.

Curtain Call for the Troubadours!



Sister Norine, Troubadour moderator, congratulates the newly elected Troubadour officers, Linda Avila, Vice-president, Lenora Gior-dano, President, and Carolyn McFarland, Treasurer.

In the one-act play "Take a Letter" Marlene Marich (seated) not only teaches the author, Rosemary Glass, some lessons in good manners and order, but also gets the job as his secretary in preference to the other applicants, Caralynne Hollanad, Marie Lo Bue, Joan Valerio, Louise Stefani, and Nancy Gilson.

Caralynne Holland (second from left) won second place in the St. Mary's oratorical contest.



In a scene from "Brother Wolf" St. Francis (Marilyn Martin) and Brother Juniper (Carolyn McFarland) are imprisoned by Brother Wolf (Frances Cassina) and the other robbers, Angie Nunez, Ann Spitzer (partly hidden), Susan Gwinn, and Marianne Woods.



Elizabeth Huddle, Nancy Luck, and Caroline McKinnon make a futile effort to spend a cheerful "Ladies' Night" after their dates have deserted them in the one-act play "Ladies Alone."

Elizabeth Huddle won third place in the dramatic declamation contest at St. Mary's College.



In another scene from "Brother Wolf" the robber baron Brother Wolf (Frances Cassina) gets "told off" by his chief aid Angie Nunez.



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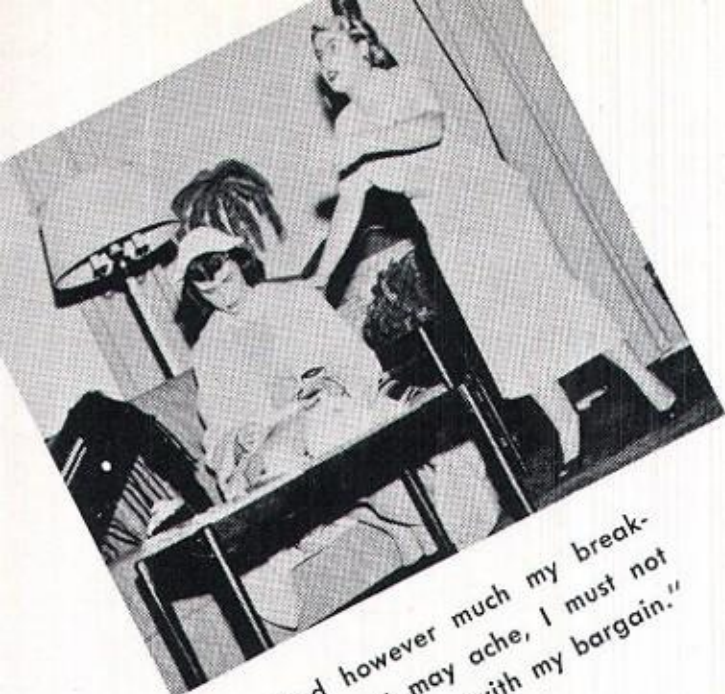
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"And however much my breaking heart may ache, I must not let it interfere with my bargain."



"I geeve up the bright lights—for the moonlight, and Devereaux."



"My, my, isn't that lovely, Carolinal Register delight, Luella."

"Here She Comes"



"Thees is good-bye! Good-bye to Hollywood!"

"Look blah, Luella!"



"Remember, don't eat all the cake in the next scene—we can finish it for you!"



CAST

Nora Sue Reynolds
 Polly Wentworth Kathy Hall
 Vi Hudson Frankie Cassina
 Madame Lowell .. Caralynne Holland
 Mrs. Jones Barbara Stager
 Luella Libby Phillips
 Sally Ridge Claire Connelly
 Mrs. Goldstein Carol Prinzio
 Betty Kelton Lee Ditt Benner
 Pat O'Keefe Bobbie Bennett
 Carolina Carolyn McFarland
 Maritza Lopez (Nickie Brooks)
 Angie Nunez, Teddy Sanchez
 A driver Jeanne Wilson

"Hail, Queen of Heaven"

So we sang as we crowned Our Lady Queen of May and Queen of our hearts. This year's ceremony was more beautiful than ever and the Sodalists who were chosen to form the court surely thought that they had a glimpse of heaven on that lovely May evening in St. Francis Church. Rosalie Damiani was selected to crown the statue; Ann Wallander was her Maid of Honor. The six attendants were Geraldine Klein, Valerie Kaiser, Carol Schmitz, Judy Decker, Sue Reynolds, and Frances Farrell. Pat Walsh was the Princess-in-Waiting.





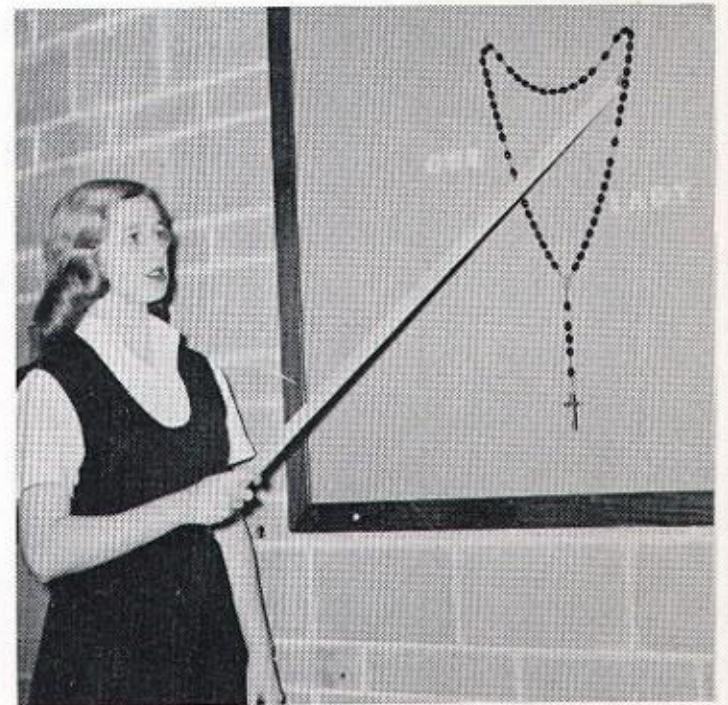
Growing in the service of the Queen

Sodality officers discuss plans for this summer's California SSCA with their moderator, Sister Dolorine. They are Pat Colbert, Secretary, Valerie Kaiser, Vice-Prefect, Ann Wallander, Prefect, and Louise Haley, Treasurer.

Sue Reynolds, Apostolic Committee head, begins the sorting of thousands of stamps which were collected for the missions.



Caralynne Holland, Our Lady's Committee head, urges recitation of the Rosary during October and May.



Norine Helzer makes use of the P.A. to publicize Sodality events.



Pat Walsh checks Jeannie Caietti's formal which she models for the Sodality fashion show, "Prelude to Spring." Pat's Social Life Committee was in charge.





Our Glee Club has grown in size and quality as the school itself has grown. Under the fine direction of Anton Dorndorf, our group of choristers has been featured on telecasts, over the radio, and in programs for many civic groups in Sacramento. The peak of our Glee Club's achievements this year was their contribution to the Installation Ceremony of Coadjutor Bishop Joseph McGucken. Like the "music of the spheres," the harmony of this group will long endure in the memory of each St. Francis girl.





Father Pascal, O.F.M. and Father George, O.F.M. relax a bit after the fine retreats they preached to us during Lent.



Our Literary Study Club officers: Pern Kielhofer, Vice-president; Sandra Wright, President; Jean Matushak, Secretary.

Diane Blanc, Frances Cassina, and Caralynne Holland represented the Sacramento K. of C. Council at the annual oratorical contest. Frances won the trophy for Sacramento.



Our principal, Sister Geraldine, congratulates the Bank of America award winners, Geraldine Klein, Mary T. Sanchez, Frances Farrell, trophy winner, and Ann Wallander.



Mother Concepta receives name-day congratulations from grade and high school students.



Five postulants from the Class of '55: Paula Corsiglia, Barbara Quintella, Pat Geiger, Maureen Douglas, and Elaine Sturges.



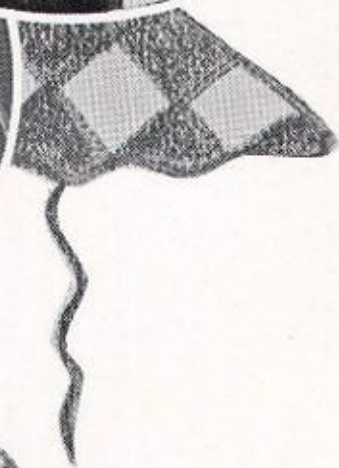
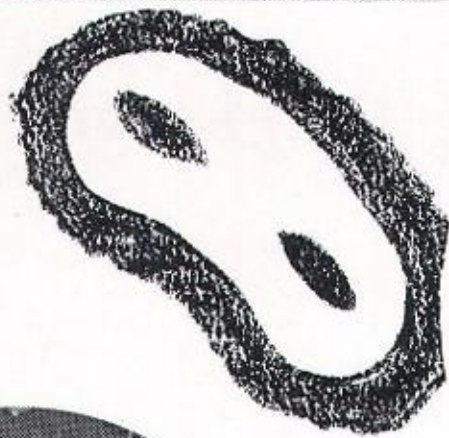
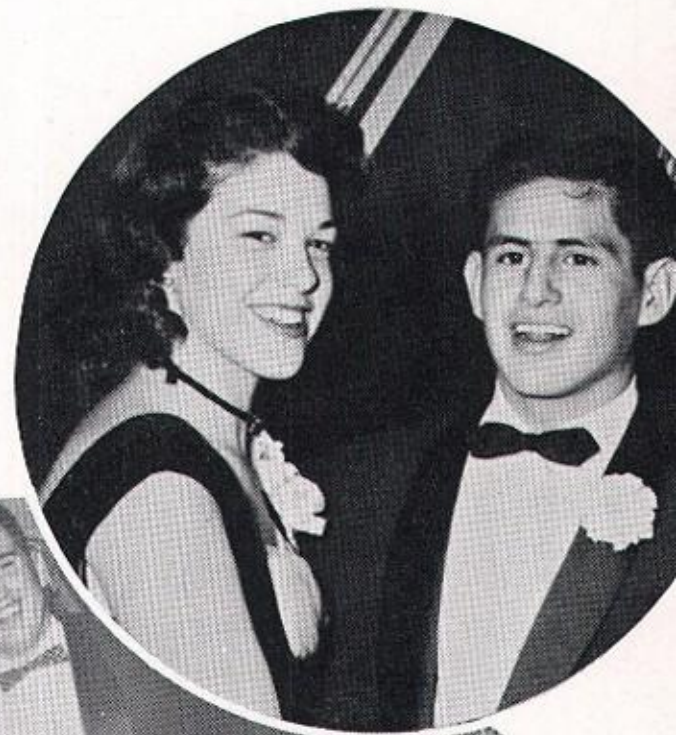
Sister Roswitha and her staff of librarians represent real service to the school. Pat Sadleir is the only one not pictured.





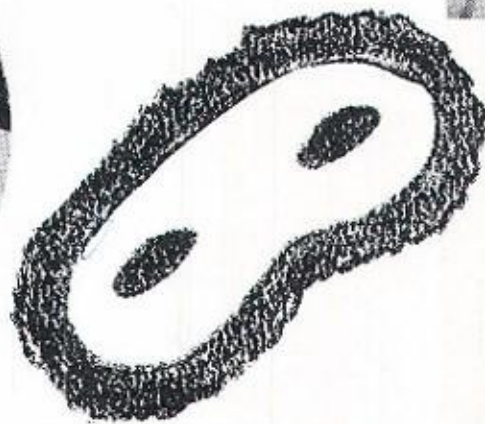
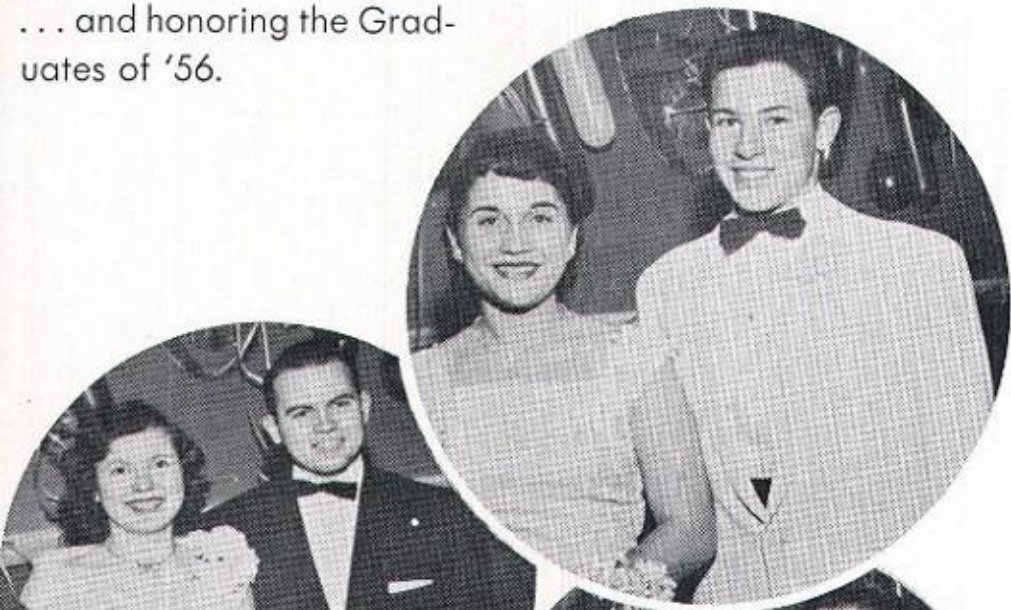
Gratitude
- - in charity
- - in friendship
- - in school spirit

"Moonlight"



Masquerade"

The loveliest Junior Prom
we've ever had . . . pre-
sented by the Class of '57
. . . and honoring the Grad-
uates of '56.



Lovely to Look at - - -

This describes our annual array of fashion shows. This year the Sodality featured a pre-Easter display with the theme, "Prelude to Spring." Cynthia Speed (right) and Gerry Klein (below) were two of the models, and Phyllis Bachmeier handled the spotlight.



And Long to be Remembered.

The juniors really meant what they said when they advertised "Moments to Remember." Two of those moments were camera-caught. (Lower left) Terra Belke escorted by Joe Genshlea. (Lower right) Judy House models while Judy Silva keeps the show going!



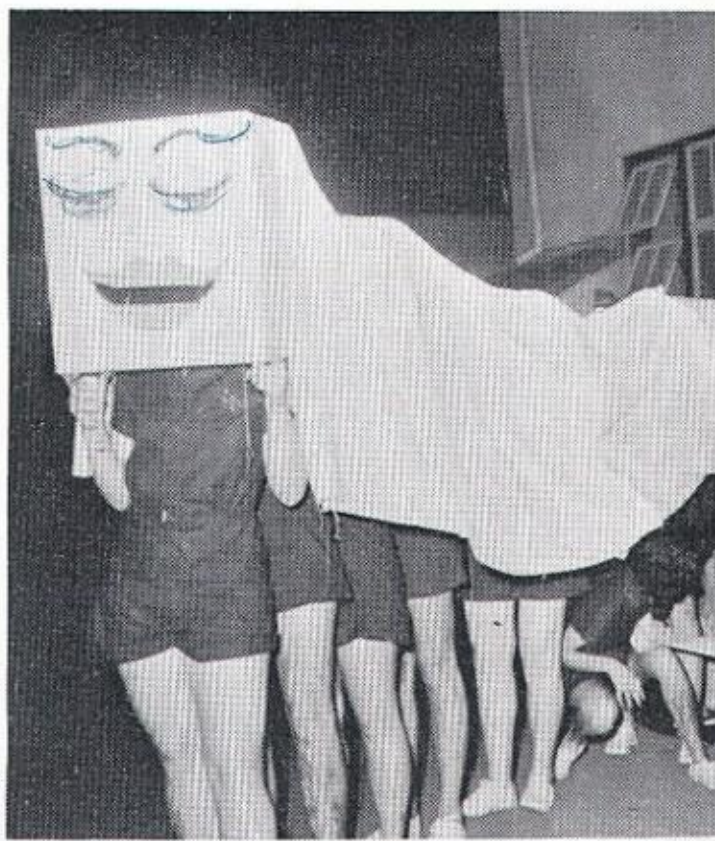
There's Nothing Like A Rally!

Claire Connelly and Marion McAlpine try to induce some applause from C. B. rooters at one of the rallies. (Below) Adelaide Jones made a lovely Homecoming Queen during the C. B. S. football season.



Halloween Was Never Like This - - -

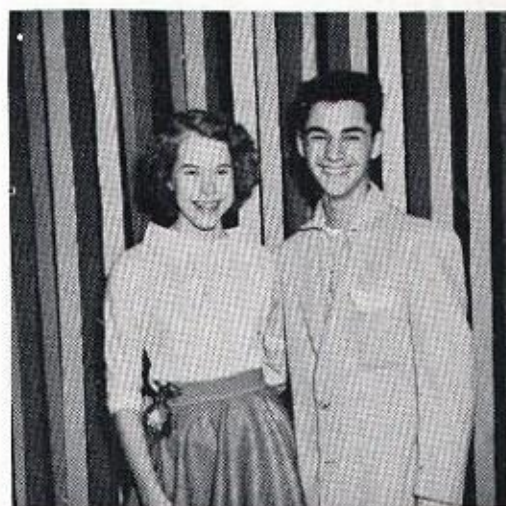
The seniors stole the show with their "SENIOR SENTIPEDE," a project that taught them much about keeping in step! (Lower right) Pat Pritchard and Grace Jean Risse meowed their way into our hearts and Margaret Rooney (Lower left) won the prize for the neatest costume!



"Midnight Sun"



With Patty as Queen





Junior Red Cross Officers inspect toy animals for gift packages: Angie Nunez, Junior Red Cross School Representative, Marilyn Barr, Chairman, Sheila Kenobbie, Treasurer, Marion McAlpine, Secretary, and Marilyn Meredith, Vice-president.



Sister Samuel, Junior Red Cross moderator, inspects Easter tray favors which Paula Adey, Louise Abid, and Merissa Beneditti have helped to make.



Karen Morbeck, one of our "absent brethren" on sick leave, enjoys her record collection more than ever.



Mrs. Elizabeth Short, our school secretary, spends many hours keeping accounts up to date.



Linda Fox, another of our SFH "shut-ins," keeps up on her ESPANOL along with other subjects.

(Below) Camera-caught at the fall CVSJA Press Conference are Sister Miriam, "Assissian" moderator and Editor Frances Farrell.



"Canticle" staff members also had fun while they learned at the Press Conference: Pat Colbert, Doris Wilcox, Teddy Sanchez, Jean Wilson, Marion McAlpine, Pat Walsh, and Carol Prinzio.





-- in sportsmanship
-- in cooperation
-- in enthusiasm

Playing for the Fun of it -----

Block Society officers pause for a picture with Advisor Mrs. Janet Hurley. (Left to right) Barbara Stager, Secretary, Joan O'Keefe, President, Kathie Hall, Athletic Manager, and Rosemarie Gill, Treasurer.



Interschool-Council cheer leaders, Marilyn Barr and Linda Avila, had their hands full most of the year!



Volleyball Varsity

Angie Nunez, Marlene Martin, Barbara Stager, Georgia Streit, Joan Puccinelli, Teddy Sanchez, Bobbie Bennett, Carolyn Meredith, Sally Geary, Joan Valerio, Judy De Ponzi.

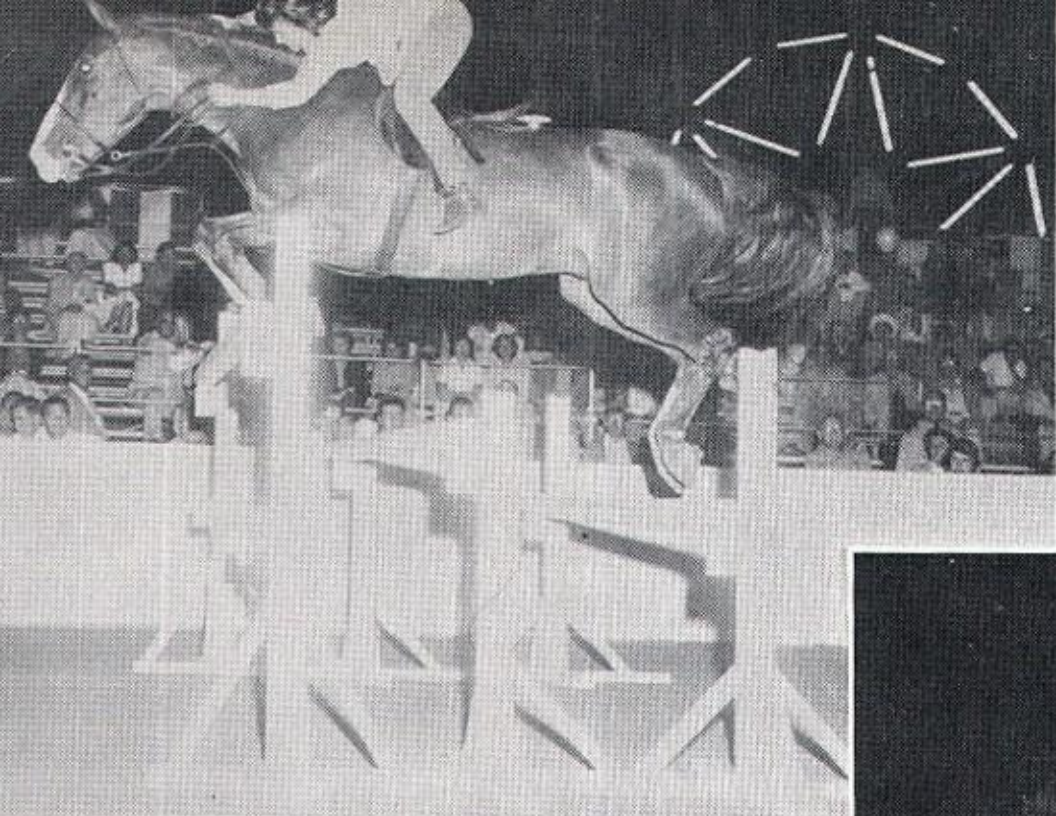


Senior Class Volleyball Champions

(Front Row) Georgia Streit, Angie Nunez, Barbara Stager (captain), Ozella King. (Second Row) Sharon Pratt, Kathie Hall, Joan Puccinelli, Teddy Sanchez, Bobbie Bennett, and Claire Connelly.

Claire Connelly
Tennis Star of the
Class of 1956





----- And Loving Every Bit Of It!

Marikate Varanini rides "Coin Collector" in the Triple Bar Class Competition, Santa Ana, 1955

Both Marikate and "Coin Collector" look happy about the winning of this Blue Ribbon in the Handy Jumper Class, State Fair Competition, 1955



Junior Class Basketball Champions

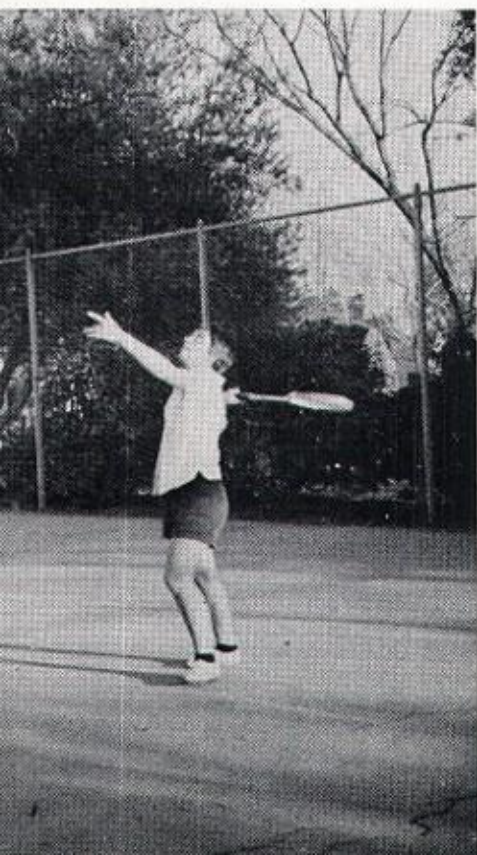
Bonnie Haynes, Rosemary Glass, Linda Hodges, Brenda Marty, Sally Geary (Captain), Terra Belke, Mary Ann Colamartino, Marlene Martin, Carolyn Meredith, and Joan Valerio.



Basketball Varsity

(Left to right) Rosemary Glass, Joan Valerio, Angie Nunez, Joan O'Keefe, Jackie LoBue, Linda Hodges, Sally Geary, Margaret Hauser, Bobbie Bennett, and Joan Puccinelli in center.

Claire was girls' champion in this year's City of Sacramento Tennis Tournament.





(Left) Some faculty members
... INCOGNITO!



(Left) Seniors look worried.
The juniors must have been ahead!



(Left) A "still life" shot from
PRELUDE TO SPRING.



(Left) "Welcome to our
show, Mrs. Blanc and Mrs.
O'Keefe!"





(Right) "Sold to the highest bidder" chants Beverly Orman in her PENNIES FOR PATTY campaign!

(Right) The "Senior Senti-pede" comes to life in the third floor corridor!

(Lower right) "California Day" gave our frontiersmen a chance to dress up!



(Right) Three Gael fans look forward to their exciting water boy duties at Bishop Armstrong High School! (That's what coeducation does! !)



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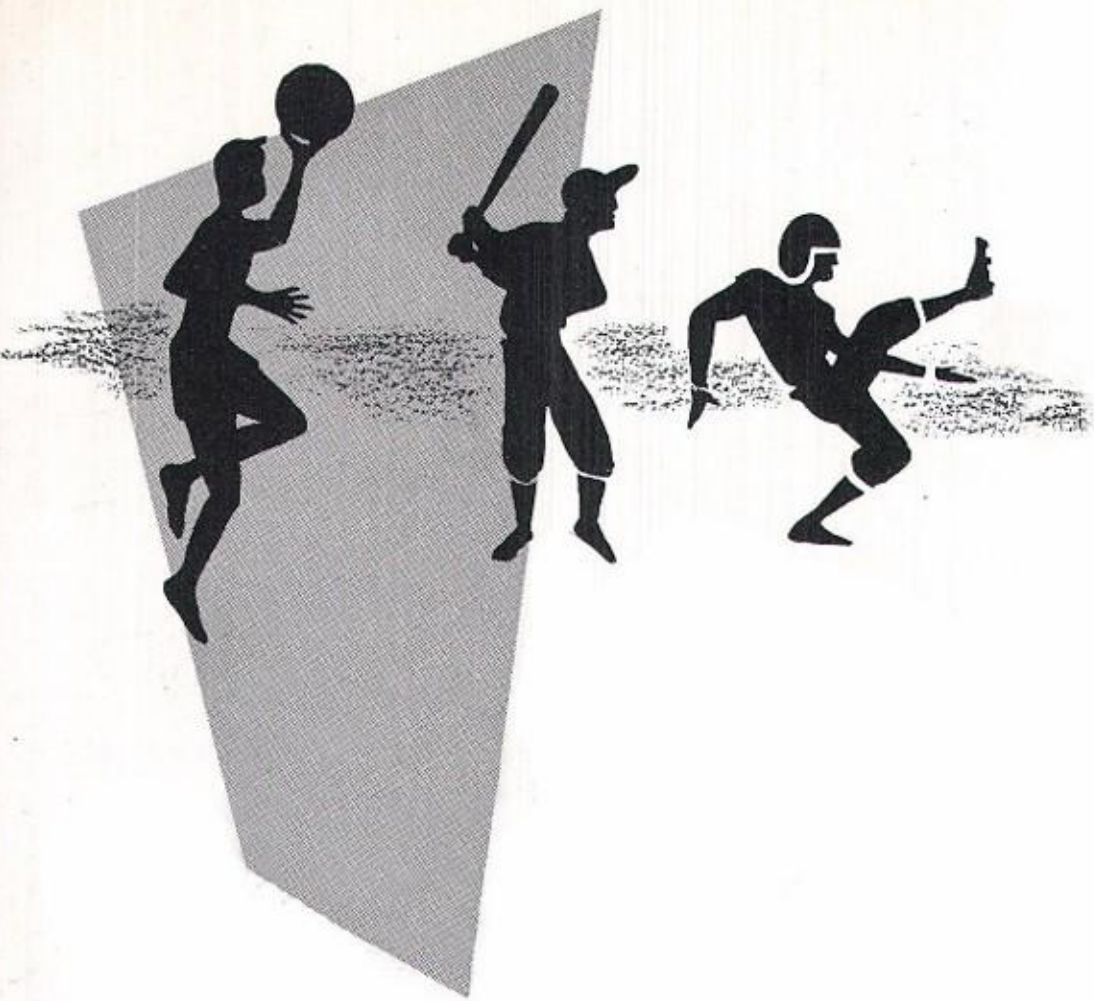
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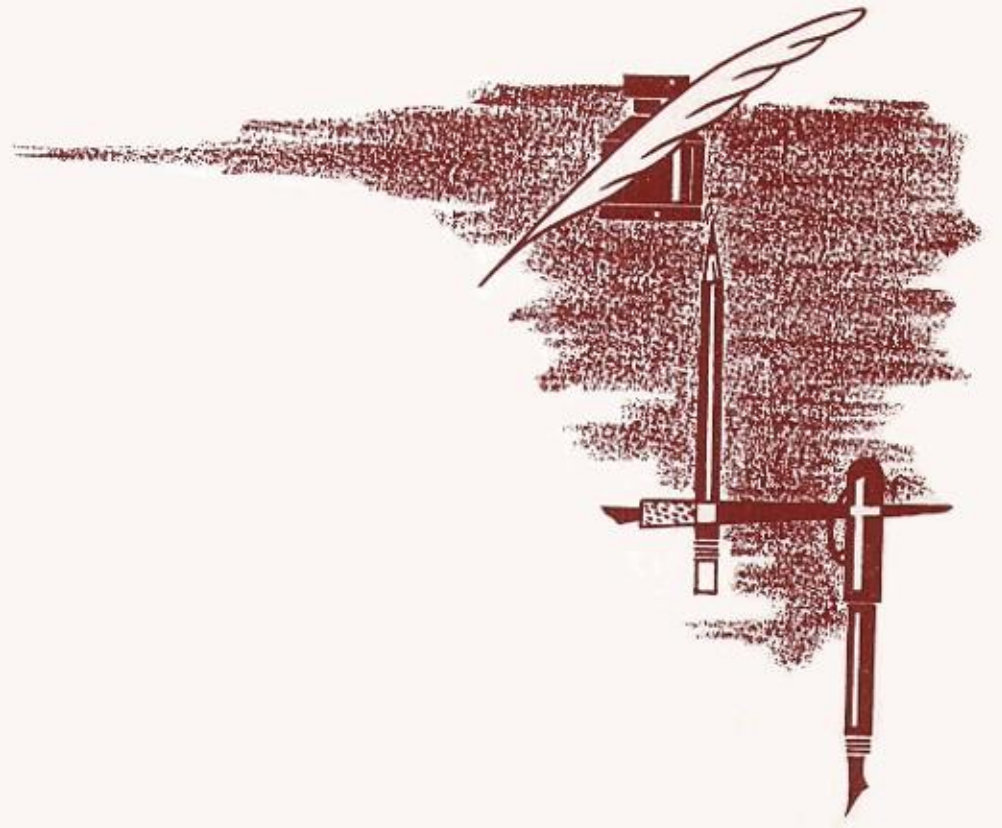
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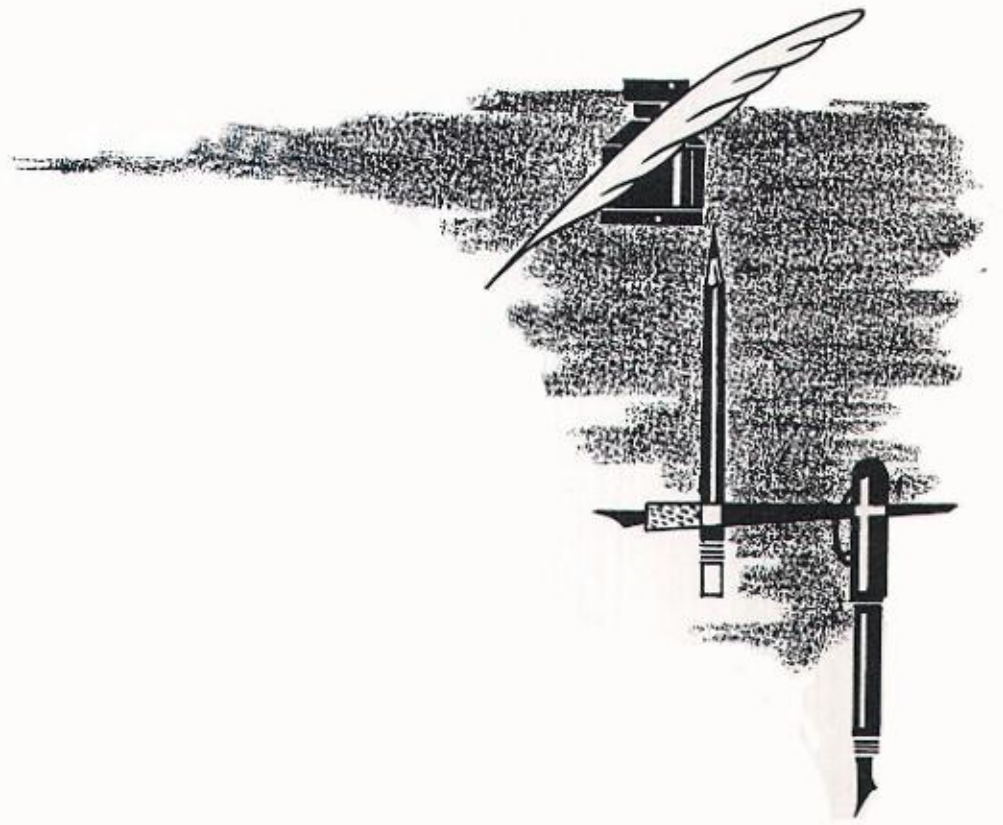
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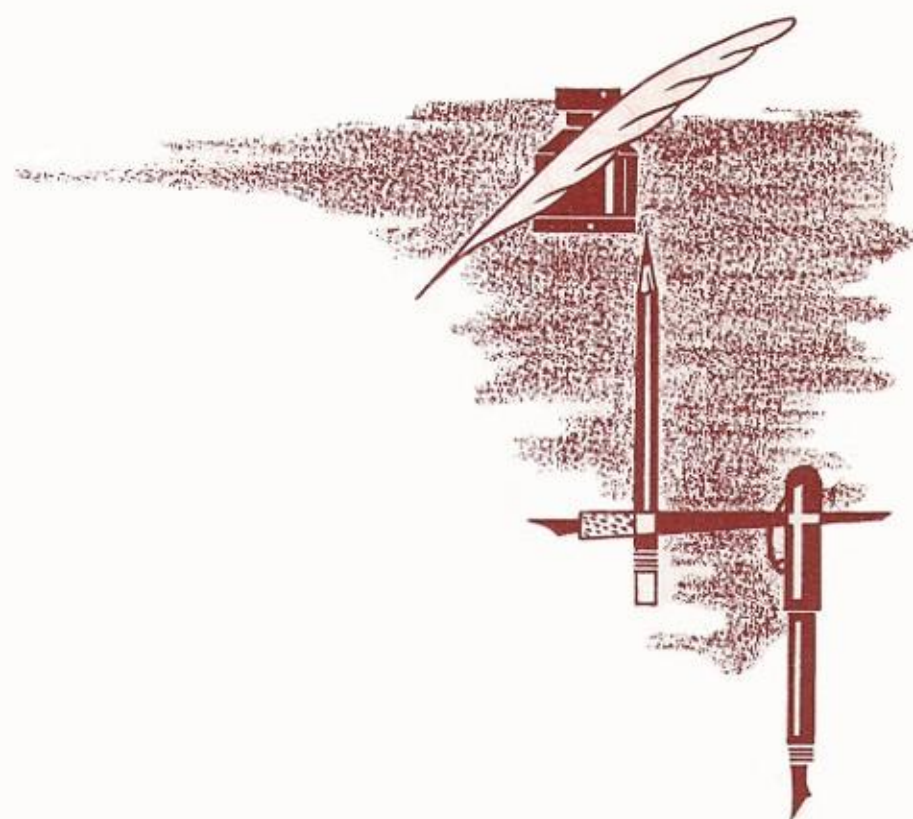
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